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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/996,069	BAMDAD ET AL.	
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	MISOOK YU	1642	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2007.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-224 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-224 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 4-224 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Claims 1-224 are pending. Claims 1-3 are under consideration.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, Withdrawn

The rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention is withdrawn in view of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102, Maintained

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,108,933 A (April 28, 1992, hereinafter the '933 patent).

Applicant argues with the newly amended claim 1 (see below) that the '933 patent does not teach or suggest "a receptor that is missing an interchain binding region".

1. (Currently amended) A kit comprising: a first article having a surface; a peptide sequence immobilized relative to or adapted to be immobilized relative to the surface, the peptide sequence including a portion of a cell surface receptor, wherein the full length form comprises an interchain binding region, that interacts with an activating ligand such as a growth factor to promote cell proliferation, the portion including enough of the cell surface receptor to interact with the activating ligand and the portion free of interchain binding region to the extent necessary to prevent spontaneous binding between portions; and a candidate drug for affecting the ability of the peptide sequence to bind to other identical peptide sequences in the presence of the activating ligand.

Applicant's argument and the amended claim 1 have been fully considered but found not persuasive, because the amended claim 1 does not recite a receptor that is missing an interchain binding region. Rather, the claim recites "comprises an interchain binding region". Therefore, applicant's argument is considered a limitation not present in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103, Maintained

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the '993 patent as applied to claims 1 and 2 above, and further in view of Spicer et al., (IDS C2, J. Biol. Chem. Vol. 266, pages 15099-15109).

Claim 3 is drawn to kit comprising a candidate drug and MUC1 protein immobilized to colloidal particle.

Applicant argues that neither the '993 patent nor Spice et al., teach or suggest removal of an interchain binding region. This argument has been fully considered but found not persuasive because the claims do not recite removal of an interchain binding

region, either. Applicant's argument is considered as arguing a limitation not present in the claim.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MISOOK YU whose telephone number is 571-272-0839. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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